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Portland Fish Notes.

The vessels of the Portland fishing fleet have been out nearly a week and some of them ought to be putting back with fares. With the coming of good weather they have scattered and many have gone into Boston. More trips of halibut are also being looked for.

Judging from all indications, the bottom has dropped out of the fish market. The prices being paid the fishermen in Portland are low, but they seem high to what the men got in Boston Wednesday. During the past few weeks there has been a steady rush at Portland and the dealers have been pretty well stocked up. Few arrivals have come in lately, but the small boat men have kept the market supplied with all that was needed. Several thousand pounds were landed here Wednesday by the "mosquita fleet." The warm weather has also served to hold the market down.

Much the same condition as prevails in the fish market also obtains in the lobster market. Crustaceans about two weeks ago with the advent of warm weather took a sudden drop, and they have been going down slowly ever since. The price now being paid the lobster fishermen is the lowest for a long time, but only a few are being purchased, as the dealers wish to get rid of the large numbers they have had in their pounds along the coast.

Wednesday was ladies' day on board sch. Albert W. Black, lying at Central wharf, the crew giving a coffee party to some of their female acquaintances. Just at the height of the festivities, when joy was unconfined and all was going merry as a marriage bell, the police patrol drove down alongside the vessel and two sad eyed girls were hoisted to the wharf and taken to the station, much to the sorrow of the crew.

Newfoundland Sealers Successful.

Wireless advices from the Newfoundland sealing fleet in the Gulf of St. Lawrence are to the effect that great success is crowning the efforts of the sealers.

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Sch. Agnes at Portlanad With Halibut Fare.

Sch. Agnes, Capt. Ernest Engstrom, of this port, is at Portland this morning with 18,000 pounds of fresh halibut.

The fare of halibut was sold at 10 cents per pound right through.

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Fish Heads Boiled for Glue.

Immense quantities of fish heads are sent from Portland every week to Vinalhaven, where they are boiled and made into glue. The fast sailing sloop Helen D. Lane is engaged entirely in the business of carrying to the factory, making several trips each week. The steamer Massasoit, which touched at Portland Wednesday on her way east from Boston, had on board 700 barrels of fish heads, which she will land at Vinalhaven.

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T WHARF PRICES WAY DOWN LOW.

Only Splitting Figures Offered For Cod and Haddock.

With haddock at 80 cents and no sale for their codfish, the offshore vessels at T wharf this morning are tagged for the splitters. Live shore haddock are bringing only \$1 and are not brisk at that. Shore large cod went at \$2.50 to \$2.75, but market cod are below splitting figures, going at \$1.30 to \$1.35. Hake and pollock are bringing a fair price, but there are not many of them.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, Capt. Frank Watts, from Jeffries, has the biggest shore fishing trip of the season, 44,000 pounds of fresh fish, about all haddock. This is a remarkable catch for a shore boat, and is liable to stand unbeaten for quite a while. The craft has only been out two days, as she marketed a fare at T wharf on Tuesday. Capt. Watts had a waiting of Newfoundland frozen herring.

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Some of the down east market boats are in with mostly hake and cusk. The most of the market boats have good catches, but on account of the low prices, there will be no big stocks.

Three boxes of green salmon were received yesterday morning by the Yarmouth steamer, and on the same boat there were 390 crates of live lobsters. The Halifax steamer brought two crates of lobsters.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Metamora, 12,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 800 hake, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Flavilla, 10,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1500 hake, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Actor, 4500 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Nettie Franklin, 7000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 cusk.

Sch. Edmund F. Black, 700 haddock, 12,000 hake, 1000 cusk.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 6000 haddock, 500 cod, 300 hake.

Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 4000 haddock, 3000 cod, 10,000 hake, 10,000 cusk.

Sch. Eva and Mildred, 3000 haddock, 7000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Raymah, 40,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 1000 halibut.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 40,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Athena, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Cynthia, 40,000 haddock, 50,000 cod.

Sch. Georgianna, 2500 cod.

Sch. Lydia, 500 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Marion, 5000 cod.

Off-shore haddock, 80c; off-shore large cod, no sales; off-shore market cod, no sales; shore haddock, \$1; shore large cod, \$2.50 to \$2.75; shore market cod, \$1.30 to \$1.35; hake, \$1 to \$2.50; cusk, \$1.30; pollock, \$2; halibut, 15c lb.

Lunenburg, N. F., Fishing Notes.

Schs. Edith, Marguerite and Colonial are at Zwicker's, fitting for the banks.

The new fishing sch. for Capt. Scott Corkum will be launched from Smith & Rhuland's yard next week.

Schs. Acadia, Alexandra, Warren G. Winters, Ronald G. Smith, Cecil L. Beck, Juanita, and Defender sailed for the banks Monday afternoon.

The new fishing sch. Mayola, Wentzel, is at Zwicker's wharf fitting for the banks. The Mayola was launched last week at Naugler's yard, LaHave, is of 119 tons and carries a crew of 20 men. She is the largest of the fishing fleet.

Sch. Tasmania sailed for the banks Tuesday. The captain is the youngest skipper in the fleet—only 24 years old. This is his first trip as master.

Sch. Assurance is fitting for the banks.

Sch. J. B. Young, Capt. Albert Himmelman, from Boston, arrived here on Sunday. She left Boston at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning and reached here at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, making the run in the quick time of 30 hours.

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POLLOCK AGAIN SHOW PLENTIFUL

Schooling in Goodly Numbers Off Halfway Rock Yesterday.

Sch. Romance, Capt. William Corkum, from Georges, with 140,000 pounds of fresh fish, the largest fare of the season, is the sole arrival here this morning. In the fare are 100,000 pounds of codfish of the finest kind, and 40,000 pounds of haddock.

Capt. Corkum reports striking good fishing on Georges and spoke schs. Claudia and Squanto in the vicinity.

Yesterday afternoon the steam netters Quoddy and Nomad came in with 9000 and 5000 pounds of fresh fish respectively. The Nomad left her nets ashore, took her seine and boat and went up the shore after pollock. She made one set, got 3500 pounds and brought them in here in the evening.

A few of the market boats came in this morning and it may not be a fish day on the shore grounds. Yesterday it blowed hard and was very rough off here.

Evidently the pollock schools found the weather to their liking yesterday afternoon and today to the eastward as well as off here, for this noon the steamer Jeffery came in from off Boon Island with 12,000 pounds, selling for \$1 per hundred weight. Her captain reports that steamer Bryda F. made a

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haul of 25,000 pounds off Boon island and has gone to Boston with them, after coming in here to leave her sein-boat.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Romance, Georges, 140,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, shore.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.

Sch. Manomet, shore.

Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.

Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.

Steamer Nomad, pollock seining, 3500 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Priscilla, shore.

Sch. Little Fanny, shore.

Sch. Mabel E. Bryson, shore.

Sch. Julietta, shore.

Sch. Pontiac, shore.

Steamer Jeffery, pollock seining, 12,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Thalia, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Cecil H. Low, Georges handlin-

ing.

Sch. Mattie Winship, Georges hand-

lining.

Sch. Slade Gorton, haddocking.

Sch. Mabel E. Bryson, shore.

Steamer Nomad, pollock seining.

Steamer Quoddy, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 10c per lb. for white, and 8c for gray.

Georges halibut, 10c per lb. for white and 8c for gray.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt headline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round, 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.

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RECEIPTS SMALL, PRICES STILL LOW

Little Demand For Fish at Boston This Morning.

There is not much class to the Boston fish report today, one market boat fishing off-shore, five shore crafts from the shore grounds and one pollock seiner being all there is to it.

Prices are low, off-shore haddock bringing 85 cents. Shore haddock are worth \$2, shore large cod \$2.50 and pollock \$1.25. Market cod are below splitting figures. A small lot of halibut brought 15 cents per pound.

From off-shore sch. Aspinet has 61,000 pounds and the pollocker Bryda F. has 20,000 pounds. The shore boats altogether have but 29,000 pounds. Receipts are light but the demand is lighter.

For the week ending Thursday, 148 fares of fresh fish aggregating 3,367,000 pounds were landed at T wharf against 100 arrivals with 1,409,000 pounds for the corresponding week last year.

The receipts this morning in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Nettie, 1000 haddock, 700 cod.

Steamer Bryda F., 20,000 pollock.

Sch. Aspinet, 24,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 8000 hake, 10,000 cusk, 3000 pollock, 700 halibut.

Sch. Seaconnet, 3000 haddock, 1500 cod, 5000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Lillian, 2000 haddock, 1200 cod, 1200 cusk.

Sch. Rose Standish, 4000 haddock, 2600 cod, 1000 cusk, 200 pollock.

Sch. Mary J. Ward, 1500 haddock, 1,200 cod, 1000 pollock.

Haddock, 85c to \$2 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2.25; hake, \$1.50 to \$2.50; pollock, \$1.25; cusk, \$1.50; halibut, 15c per lb.

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Herring Pack Disposed of.

It is reported that most of last year's pack of herring on storage at Eastport has been disposed of. The supply was unusually light last year, while the demand through the winter, owing to the high prices of meats, has been larger than common.

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POLLOCK AGAIN ON THE COAST.

Large Quantity off Halfway Rock Thursday Afternoon.

Pollock showed again off here Thursday and in goodly numbers. In the afternoon they put in appearance off Halfway Rock. Yesterday it blowed too hard for the seiners to go after them and today also it is blowing hard.

The report of the pollock showing was brought in here Thursday afternoon by Capt. G. F. O. Hanson of the fish commission steamer Ocean View. Capt. Hanson says the schools were all the way from Halfway Rock to Egg Rock. The fish were large and the schools stayed up on the surface and showed in good shape.

MILLIONS OF FLOUNDERS.

Will Be Released on Maine Coast in Next Two Weeks.

It looks as if the fishermen along the western coast of Maine would flounder in flounders during the coming summer. The fishing commission sch. Gannet has been busily at work gathering in the fry from this type of fish and up to the present time has taken 420,000,000 to the hatchery at Boothbay. These fry are now being hatched out and inside of two weeks they will be ready to be planted along the coast. This will be done in the waters west of Pemaquid head.

It has been only a short time since the Gannet started after flounder fry and during the period she has been engaged on the work the men aboard of her have gathered to date more than were secured during the whole of last winter for the work then netted but 218,000,000 fry. The greater part of those taken this year have been taken near Casco bay and carried from here to Boothbay to be hatched.

But flounder eggs are not the only ones secured during the past few weeks. Lobsters have been given attention and a large number of cod eggs have been secured; 5,000,000 of these are now being hatched at Boothbay. Up to the present time, the season has been far more successful than last year. The past few days, however, have seen a falling off in the number of eggs secured owing to the rough weather. This has kept the fishermen in port and the steamer has consequently had no supply from which to draw. April promises to be a record breaking month in the work.

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Thursday's arrivals: Sch. Topsail Girl, with 8000 lbs. fish; sch. George H. Lube, 6000; Albert D. Willard, 8000; Fanny Hayden 6000; sch. Dauntless, 3000 pollock.

Capt. Sol Jacobs was in port again Thursday with his schooner, the Elmer E. Gray. He came in light and proceeded to Gloucester yesterday to fit out for the southern mackerel fishery.

There is plenty of activity among the small sloops that have been hauled up during the winter and their owners are now getting them ready for service. This is especially true of the small fleet that has been lying between Long and Central wharves.

The steamer Governor Douglas, hailing from Beverly, came in Thursday for supplies. The steamer has in former years been run as an excursion boat carrying parties between Beverly and Salem, but has been chartered for the season by Burnham & Morrill to carry supplies and fish from Port Clyde to Jonesport.

Dominion Ice Report.

The Dominion Ice Report for Wednesday says:

L'Islet, River Du Loup, Father Point, Matane, Martin River, Fame Point, Point Esequimac, Cape Tormentine, Cape Bear, East Point, St. Paul's Island, Mulgrave, Flat Point—No ice.

Cape Despair—Ice moving south. Point Maquereaux—Light open ice everywhere.

Cape Traverse—Light open ice. Anticosti, West Point—No water in sight.

Southwest Point—Light close packed distant, moving south.

Cape St. Lawrence—Heavy close packed inshore, moving east.

Cape North—Light close packed distant, moving southeast.

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FISH WEEK HAD TAME ENDING.

Only Fares This Morning Are Via Other Ports.

The fish week here has a very indifferent ending. No fares are in direct from the fishing grounds and two vessels with fish from other ports tells the whole story.

Sch. Mildred Robinson came from Boston yesterday afternoon with 50,000 pounds of fresh fish from LaHave and sch. Agnes came from Portland during the night, having landed her fresh halibut, with 5000 pounds of flitched halibut and 3000 pounds of salt cod. Quite a number of the shore boats are in our harbor.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Agnes, via Portland, 5000 lbs. flitched halibut, 3000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Cynthia, via Boston.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.

Sch. Emily Sears, shore.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.

Sch. Valentinna, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, shore.

Sch. Manomet, shore.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, shore.

Sch. Vanessa, halibuting.

Steamer Quoddy, shore.

Steamer Nomad, shore.

Sch. Clintonia, south seining.

Sch. Aloha, south seining.

Sch. Tattler, dory handlining.

Sch. Annie M. Parker, cory handlining.

Sch. Corona, halibuting.

Sch. Paragon, halibuting.

Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, eastern deck handlining.

Sch. Priscilla, shore.

Sch. Athlete, dory handlining.

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Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

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Salt Mackerel Imports.

The imports of salt mackerel at Boston to date, of the catch of 1909 are 32,392 barrels against 42,419 barrels to date last year of the catch of 1908.

No Fresh Bait.

There is no fresh bait today at either Provincetown or Boothbay Harbor.

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Nova Scotia Vessels Fitting Out.

During the past few days the wharves along the southern end of the Halifax waterfront have been lined with crack fishing vessels, which are fitting out for the spring cod trip on the western banks. The vessels belong to the Lunenburg fleet and come to Halifax for supplies and bait. There are 50 vessels in the Lunenburg fleet and they have been sailing out of that harbor since the 15th of the month, on their spring trip. Most of the vessels get their supplies at their home port, but some come to Halifax. The following Lunenburg vessels which have arrived at Halifax during the past few days, cleared at the custom house Wednesday for the banks: Tribune, Oregon, Foster Rice, Yukon, Hazel L. Ritcey, Hawanee Cook, Russel H. Pentz.

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MACKEREL FLEET START.

Three of the Southern Seiners Will Get Away Today.

Three of the southern seining fleet will make a start on their journey toward Cape Hatteras today. The crafts are schs. Clintonia, Capt. Ralph Webber; sch. Oriole, Capt. Charles Maguire, and sch. Aloha, Capt. John McInnis.

Lunenburg, N. S., Fish Notes.

The Dublin Shore schooner Mildred M. Bell has been sold to Newfoundland parties. She will load her fall catch of fish for the Halifax market. After discharging she will pass into the hands of her new owners.

The following schooners, sailed for the banks Wednesday: Assurance, Eva June, Cecil L. Beck, Earl Grey, Edith Marguerite, Warren G. Winters, Alhambra, Muriel M. Walters, Nikola and Lila D. Young.

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Wholesale fish dealers report that the high prices on meats is causing a largely increased demand for fish from quarters where until the present season shipments have been very light. The demand is more especially for finnan haddies and the shipments the past two weeks have been unusually heavy. One refrigerator car filled with the smoked fish has left this week for San Francisco and two cars have or will soon start for Chicago. Portland has for many years enjoyed quite a trade in the finnan haddie business, but the lookout at present favors a decidedly larger business than ever before known. Large quantities of the fresh fish have been purchased in Boston the past fortnight and brought here for smoking purposes, some 600 boxes having come down by steamer this week.

Friday's arrivals: Schs. Katie Palmer, with 7000 lbs. fish; Fanny Hayden, 6000; Lochinvar, 8000 fresh fish.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Maxine Elliott was at Liverpool, N. S., Thursday and cleared.

Capt. Newman Wharton is here to fit sch. Arkona for dory handlining.

Capt. Hiram Forbes will now fit sch. W. E. Morrissey for a salt bank dory handline codfishing trip.

Sch. Avalon will now fit for dory handlining under command of Capt. Louis Wharton.

Capt. William Wagner is here to fit sch. Lottie G. Merchant for dory handlining.

Sch. Meteor has fitted for dory handlining under command of Capt. Manuel Caton and will soon get away.

Capt. Charles Rudolph is here to fit sch. Alice R. Lawson for dory handlining.

Capt. Daniel Rider will begin this week to fit sch. Elector for dory handlining.

Lost Portion of False Keel.

Sch. Smuggler of this port, one of the salt trawl bank codfishing fleet, while beating into the harbor at Port aux Basques, N. F., recently, ran on the Pancake and knocked off part of her false keel. She left soon after for the fishing ground off Rose Blanch, the accident not being serious enough to bother her fishing operations.

Have Painted Vessels Green.

The Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company now has quite a distinguishing mark on its banking vessels, for about all which have fitted out and sailed for the banks this spring have been painted a bright green from waterline to waterways. All the firm's bankers which are on the ways or will go on later will be painted the same color.

Southern Seining Fleet.

Sch. Pinta, Capt. Douglass McLean, and Effie M. Prior, Capt. Elroy Prior, will sail south seining today.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, Capt. Frank H. Hall, will go today or tomorrow.

Sch. Oriole did not get away Saturday, Capt. Charles Maguire being somewhat ill.

Change in Lightship.

Nantucket Shoals Lightship No. 85 will be withdrawn from her station April 5 for some needed repairs, returning on April 15. In the meantime the station will be marked by Relief Lightship No. 66, which will show lights and sound fog signals having the same characteristics as those of No. 85.